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TELEVISION IN EDUCATION

MAXWELL AFB, ALA.---Streamlined education methods are employed to accomplish the mission of Air University, the professional educational center of the U. S. Air Force.

One of these is a closed-circuit television system which features a multi-channel capability and a dual studio complex.

The potential of television in teaching was recognized by Air University in 1952 when the command initiated a five-year plan of intensified television study involving research, experimentation, and evaluation.

The Air University television center was put into operation in 1958 at Maxwell Air Force Base. It now serves the command's colleges and schools by coaxial cable links which permit as many as six different programs to be fed through the system simultaneously to some 200 receivers.

This network enables faculty members and guest lecturers to provide direct instruction to students located in seminar rooms throughout the academic complex. In addition, the use of video tape playbacks permit faculty and students to immediately critique their

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own presentations.

One important feature of the operation is that a television tape recorder enables the center to present outstanding guest speakers who are unable to appear in person. The recorder is now being used to build a library of 300 significant faculty presentations and special network telecasts.

The television center also provides Air University with various other services. Featured regularly are early morning weather briefings for flying personnel, newscasts and documentary programs from commercial networks, and "specials" such as space shots and presidential addresses as they occur.

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